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1. SUMMARY. AMONG SUMMIT REACTIONS: TAIPEI PRESS QUOTED RANKING KMT OFFICIAL SAYING SUMMIT " BRINGS GREAT PRESSURE TO BEAR UPON PEIPING ," LEADING CHINA TIMES SAYS U. S. AND SOVIETS MUST REIN IN PEIPING IF THEY HOPE TO ACHIEVE EFFECTIVE NUCLEAR ARMS CONTROLS, AND INFLUENTIAL UNITED DAILY NEWS REPORTS FROM NEW YORK THAT ECONOMICS IS THE QUID PRO QUO IN THE U. S.- SOVIET EXCHANGES. END SUMMARY

2. TAIPEI PRESS QUOTED RANKING KMT OFFICIAL SAYING SUMMIT " BRINGS GREAT PRESSURE TO BEAR UPON PEIPING." DIRECTOR OF KMT CULTURAL AND INFORMATION DEPARTMENT, WU CHUN- TSAI REPORTEDLY TOLD PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE JUNE 20: " BREZHNEV WANTS TO RECEIVE ASSURANCES FROM NIXON THAT THE SOVIETS HAVE A FREE HAND IN COPING WITH UNCLASSIFIED

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THEIR ORIENTAL PROBLEMS, PARTICULARLY THOSE INVOLVING THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS... ONE OF THE SUMMIT RESULTS WILL BE, AND THE CHAIN REACTION IT STARTS WILL LEAD TO, AN ENLARGED CONFLICT AMONG THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS...

(ALSO) THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION ARE LIKELY TO CONCLUDE A STRATEGIC ARMS LIMITATION TREATY, UNDER WHICH A NUCLEAR NON- PROLIFERATION CONFERENCE WILL BE CALLED TO FORCE THE FREEZE ON PEIPING."

3. INFLUENTIAL PRIVATELY- OWNED CHINA TIMES JUNE 22 EDITORIAL SAID UNITED STATES AND SOVIET UNION MUST REIN IN PEIPING IF THEY WERE TO ACHIEVE AN EFFECTIVE NUCLEAR ARMS CONTROL: " TODAY, ANY TALKS CONCERNING STRATEGIC ARMS LIMITATION, PARTICULARLY THE OFFENSIVE STRATEGIC WEAPONS, INEVITABLY TOUCH ON THE TRIANGULAR RELATIONS AMONG THE UNITED STATES, THE SOVIET UNION AND THE MAOISTS... IF THE TWO SUPER- POWERS OF AMERICA AND RUSSIA REALLY WANT A THAW AND HAVE THE COMMON WILL AND DETERMINATION TO ENHANCE WORLD PEACE, THEY MUST DISCUSS THE QUESTIONS OF THEIR TRIANGULAR RELATIONS WITH THE MAOISTS. THE QUESTIONS INCLUDE: FROM THE VIEWPOINT OF U. S. AND SOVIET INTERESTS, WHAT ROLE WILL THEY ALLOW THE MAOISTS TO PLAY IN THE WORLD TODAY? HOW FAR WILL U. S.- MAOIST RELATIONS GO? HOW TO MAKE THE MAOISTS, BASING ON THE NEEDS OF THE NEW INTERNATIONAL BALANCE, ACCEPT CERTAIN LIMITATIONS? IF THESE QUESTIONS ARE NOT SETTLED, THEN ALL THE TALKS ABOUT ARMS LIMITATIONS AND THE ENHANCEMENT OF WORLD PEACE WILL BE EMPTY WORDS."

4. NEW YORK CORRESPONDENT OF LEADING PRIVATELY- OWNED UNITED DAILY NEWS REPORTED JUNE 22 THAT ECONOMICS IS THE QUID PRO QUO IN THE U. S.- SOVIET EXCHANGES: " BREZHNEV' S PRO- WESTERN FOREIGN POLICY DOES NOT MEAN THAT HE REALLY WANTS A THAW WITH THE CAPITALIST COUNTRIES. IT IS ONLY A TEMPORARY STRATEGY CHANGE IN THE SOVIET COMMUNISTS' PROCESS TO COMMUNIZE THE WORLD. BREZHNEV DEEPLY FEELS THE GRAVITY OF INTERNAL ECONOMIC PROBLEMS. THE SOVIET' S PRODUCTION EQUIPMENT AND THE STANDARD OF TECHNOLOGY IS FAR BEHIND THAT OF THE WESTERN WORLD, AND ITS MILITARY STRENGTH CANNOT OVERWHELM AMERICA AT THE PRESENT STAGE. THEREFORE, HE UNCLASSIFIED

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DECIDED TO CHANGE HIS STRATEGY... THE THINKING OF NIXON AND HIS FOREIGN AFFAIRS ADVISORS IN OPPOSITE TO THAT OF THE KREMLIN' S. THEY DEEM THE PRESENT MOMENT A GOOD OPPORTUNITY TO FORCE A REVISION ON COMMUNISM, TO ALTER KARL MARX' S ECONOMIC DETERMINATIONISM, TO MAKE THE SOVIET UNION GRADUALLY INCREASE ITS RESPONSE TO MARKET DEMANDS AND LURE IT TO TURN TO CAPITALISM' S ECONOMIC PERSPECTIVES."

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